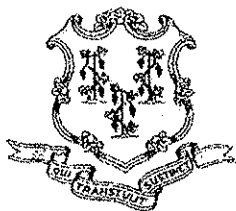




STATE OF CONNECTICUT



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HB 6416 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS

The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.

Section 1 of the bill conforms an existing statute prohibiting carrying a firearm while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug to .08 standard. Statutes prohibiting carrying a firearm while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drug should have the same standard as other statutory prohibitions, such as operating a motor vehicle, in order to provide consistency between this statute and similar legal limits for determining intoxication.

Section 2 of the bill also adds a date and place of birth requirement for the receipt required by C.G.S. 29-33. Federal procedural regulations have been re-defined for the National Instant Background System (NICS), which is now requiring the place of birth for every firearm sale transaction.

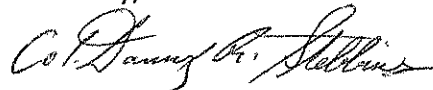
Section 3 of the bill changes Sec 29-36g to make specific reference to the fees required by the FBI and State of Connecticut for the processing of fingerprints. The FBI will not accept fingerprints without the attached fee required. Additional language in subsection (b), allows for the same time frame as subsection (a) allowing issuance only after the state and federal results have been returned. It also eliminates the necessity of a 'temporary eligibility certificate'; the statutory reference to this is archaic as they have never been issued.

Section 4 of the bill amends subsection (b) of section 29-37a to add the date and place of birth requirements federally mandated for NICS to sale of firearms. This is the same coming into compliance language as section 2 of this bill which addresses handguns.

Section 5 of this bill would modify the existing statute, (Section 29-37g (b),) "*Gun show Requirements*," to require the gun show promoter to notify the Commissioner of Public Safety within thirty days before commencement of a gun show of the date, time, duration and location of the gun show. The purpose if this is simply to make sure the agency has qualified personnel assigned to work during hours of shows, which are often on weekends. This requirement would be in addition to and not in place of the current requirement that the promoter notify the chief of police, warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town in which the gun show is to take place not later than thirty days before the commencement of the planned gun show.

The Department of Public Safety is tasked with the safety and regulation of firearms sales, as well as the issuance of permits to carry pistols or revolvers within Connecticut. The department must be able to determine the eligibility of permit and firearms owners or applicants for the purchase of firearms. Without being notified or aware of planned gun shows, agency personnel may be unavailable to make the proper determinations, to ensure that the laws regarding firearms sales are adhered to, and to offer assistance to the firearms dealers in attendance, as firearms dealers from other states often attend, but are unfamiliar with Connecticut firearms laws, procedures, and the forms they must abide by.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Col. Danny R. Stebbins".

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